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SUBJECT: HONDURAS/SALVADORAN BORDER NEGOTIATIONS

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 3785

1. AS FOLLOW-UP TO POLOFF MEETING WITH LIBERAL LEADER CARLOS ROBERTO REINA, AMBASSADOR CALLED ON FONMIN BATRES LAST EVENING (SEPTEMBER 11TH). BATRES WENT OVER VIRTUALLY SAME GROUNDS BUT STOPPED SHORT OF VERIFYING SCENARIO AS PRESENTED BY REINA (SEE REFTEL). BATRES POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, HIS FEELING THAT OPPOSITION TO NEGOTIATIONS FROM POLITICAL PARTIES OR ANY PRESS SEGMENTS WAS NOT CURRENTLY OBJECT OF MAIN CONCERN TO GOH. HE SEEMED CONVINCED THAT OPPOSITION COULD BE OVERCOME.

2. BATRES SAID HE HAD SPECIFICALLY POINTED OUT TO GOES FONMIN BORGONOVO THAT HE (BATRES) WAS NOT ANXIOUS TO BE LED INTO PROTRACTED AND MEANINGLESS MEETINGS DESIGNED MERELY TO RUN OUT THE CLOCK ON THE PACT OF BOGOTA. BATRES CONVINCED THAT BORGONOVO IS NOT ATTEMPTING TO DO THIS, BUT IS
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ACTUALLY BARGAINING IN GOOD FAITH WHILE AT SAME

TIME JOCKEYING FOR BEST AVAILABLE POSITION.

3. BATRES ENDED BY STATING THAT HE WAS EXPECTING
CALL FROM BORGONOVO FOR NEXT MEETING, TO BE
HELD SOON, SOMEWHERE IN THE U.S.

COMMENT: AMBASSADOR FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO PROBE
FURTHER INTO INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY REINA WITHOUT
COMPROMISING SOURCE. HOWEVER, BATRES CONFIDENCE
AT BEING ABLE TO DEAL WITH OPPOSITION SUGGESTS THAT
HE MAY INDEED BE ALREADY TAGGING THIS BASE.
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